STATE OF VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE

In Re: Stephanie H. Taylor, M.D.,)	
a/k/a Stephanie Taylor Tasi, M.D).	Docket No. MPS 48-0304

DECISION RE MOTION FOR INTERIM SUSPENSION

On May 5, 2004, this matter came before the Vermont Board of Medical Practice (Board) to consider the Motion for Interim Suspension dated 4/30/04 and filed by the Attorney General's Office in the above-referenced case. The Board Hearing Panel included Sharon L. Nicol, Public Member; Margaret F. Martin, Public Member; Katherine M. Ready, Public Member; Patricia A. King, M.D., Ph.D.; David W. Clauss, M.D.; Toby Sadkin, M.D.; Florence Young, Public Member; Russell P. Davignon, M.D.; and William H. Stouch, M.D. Phillip J. Cykon, Esq. served as Presiding Officer for the Board. James S. Arisman, Esq. presented the motion on behalf of the Attorney General's Office. Stephanie H. Taylor, M.D., Respondent, was present at the hearing and addressed the Board.

In support of the motion, a certified copy of the Order of Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine, which lifted the stay of suspension of Respondent's Massachusetts medical license on the grounds that she failed to comply with provisions of her Massachusetts Probation Agreement, was submitted to the Board. Additional supporting documents were attached as exhibits to the motion. The motion and supporting documents were determined to be confidential material under federal law; therefore, the Board voted to consider the material in executive session. After receiving the information in executive session, the Board voted to proceed into deliberative session.

26 V.S.A. §§1365 and 1366 set forth the authority and the procedure by which the Board may suspend Respondent's license to practice medicine, upon receipt of a certified copy of an order of suspension from another jurisdiction. The Board's regulatory authority over physicians is "... solely for the purpose of protecting the public." 26 V.S.A. § 3101; Perry v. Medical Practice Bd., 169 Vt. 399, 403 (1999). In 1996, the Board imposed a series of comprehensive and stringent conditions restricting any practice of medicine by her. In 2000, the Board amended those conditions to include, among others, no practice of medicine in Vermont without the express written approval of the Vermont Board. In 2003, the Board amended those conditions to include, among others, permission to practice medicine in Vermont, but only in a structured group practice.

After review and deliberation of the motion and supporting material, a majority of the Board (7-2) feels that the existing conditions and restrictions on Respondent's Vermont license are sufficient at this time to adequately protect the public; therefore, the Motion for Interim Suspension is **DENIED**. THE BOARD ADAMANTLY MANDATES THAT RESPONDENT STRICTLY FOLLOW EACH AND EVERY CONDITION IN PLACE ON RESPONDENT'S VERMONT LICENSE AND REMINDS RESPONDENT THAT ANY FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THOSE CONDITIONS MAY CONSTITUTE NEW CHARGES OF UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AND MAY RESULT IN THE IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF HER LICENSE. THE BOARD FURTHER RECOMMENDS THAT RESPONDENT RECTIFY ANY PROBLEMS THAT SHE HAS CONCERNING HER MASSACHUSETTS'S LICENSE.

SO ORDERED.

ON BEHALF OF THE VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE:		
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